

## High Holidays 5756

All High Holiday services, except for the second day of Rosh Hashanah, will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street, San Francisco. Second day Rosh Hashanah services will be held at Sha'ar Zahav.

Your ticket request form for the High Holiday services requiring a ticket is included in this newsletter. Main Sanctuary High Holiday tickets are required for evening services, Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and for Yizkor and Neilah on Yom Kippur day. Tickets will be mailed to all members in good standing who request them. Remember, you must request them in order to receive tickets. They will not be sent automatically. (Good standing requires payment of all 1994-95 dues, a pledge of 1995-96 dues, payment of the first quarter dues and payment of the 1995 building assessment.) Tickets for guests of members in the sanctuary, if available, will be \$54 per service, or \$118 for all three services. Tickets will not be available at the door for either members or guests for any of the services. They must be ordered by mail in advance.

Main Sanctuary doors open after 6:30 pm for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre. Times of Yizkor and Neilah services will be in the September *Jewish Gaily Forward*.

It has always been Sha'ar Zahav's policy to make seating available to non-members at the High Holidays. To avoid overcrowding, we will be distributing

tickets in advance for the additional seating areas. A small fee of \$6 per service (not \$5 as previously reported) will be required to cover the cost of renting the additional rooms and of distributing tickets. Tickets for the additional seating rooms will be distributed after August 15.

### Onegs and Break Fast

Join us for an oneg after Erev Rosh Hashanah services at the Unitarian Center.

In place of an oneg after Rosh Hashanah daytime service, join us for our Seudat Mitzvah picnic prior to Tashlich, which will be held at Fort Point. Maps will be available at the Unitarian Center.

Services at CSZ on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg.

There will be a large "break fast" oneg at the Unitarian Center after Neilah, the concluding service on Yom Kippur day.

### AIDS Food Drive

One of the reasons we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind ourselves of the hunger of those in need. As we have for the last six years, CSZ will collect non-perishable food for the AIDS Food Bank at Kol Nidre and through 1 pm on Yom Kippur Day. Please bring a bag of food items as part of your Yom Kippur observance.

### Children's Services

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, there will be

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## High Holiday Highlights

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**—Sunday, September 24, Unitarian Center, tickets required

**Rosh Hashanah**—Monday, September 25, Unitarian Center, no tickets required

**Rosh Hashanah, second day**—Tuesday, September 26, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, no tickets required

**Kol Nidre**—Tuesday, October 3, Unitarian Center, tickets required

**Yom Kippur**—Wednesday, October 4, Unitarian Center, tickets required for Yizkor/Neilah

- Ticket request forms are included in this issue. Members are entitled to order one guest ticket for the sanctuary (if available) when they order their own tickets. (All guest tickets ordered by members are \$54 per service or \$118 for all three and must be prepaid.

- Tickets for the additional seating areas will be available at \$6 per service and must be prepaid. Tickets will not be available at the door. Please spread this information to anyone you know who is considering attending but is not a member. We do not want to turn anyone away, but tickets must be arranged for in advance.

- Childcare must be reserved and prepaid. Cost for members is \$12 per child per service and \$16 per child per service for non-members.

## Tot Shabbat

Mark your calendars! The infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers of CSZ, their families, friends and community are invited to our Tot Shabbat service. Join us as we celebrate the Shabbat with music and prayer. The service will be held in the sanctuary on Friday night, July 21, at 7 pm. The service will be followed by a brief oneg. No need to RSVP.



CSZ past treasurers at the 18/10 celebration. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



## A Fond Farewell

—Tiela Chalmers

I knew the first thing I volunteered for at Sha'ar Zahav was going to be fun. Who wouldn't have fun hanging decorations and camping it up in a ridiculous play? It was Megillah Madness, 1985, and I had a blast. I laughed until I cried at some of those rehearsals, and I met some wonderful people (including my good friend Allan Gold).

Then Daniel Chesir persuaded me to join the Ritual Committee. Why me? I had no Jewish education at all: I felt completely unprepared. Plus, it



Tiela Chalmers

sounded like a lot of work. I struggled but Daniel just wouldn't take no for an answer. I began going to meetings, and found to my amazement that they were rambunctious, interesting, and fun! I definitely felt a little overwhelmed, but I was learning so much that was so interesting, I barely noticed. While the more learned members of the committee debated the finer points of ritual observance, I listened and came away with much food for thought, some education, and the beginnings of opinions of my own. I had never led a service before: Daniel and Jonathan Funk and Rabbi Kahn patiently showed me how.

Eight years later, I became president.

My two years as President of Sha'ar Zahav are drawing to a close now, and I have been reflecting on all that has gone on. It has been a time of greater and greater diversity. A few years ago we were having a bit of a crisis of diversity. All the children! All the heterosexual people! And the bisexuals! And the non-Jews! People were feeling overwhelmed, and worried. What if we lose our unique feeling and identity? What if I no longer feel welcome in my synagogue? And will someone please tell that kid to stop singing Old McDonald instead of Hinei Ma Tov?

Our collective temperature is shifting, I think. People are no longer so worried; a few years of experience are beginning to show us that diversity can be something to enjoy, and be proud of. We have gained strength in that diversity: we are saying with our actions what we preach to others. A diverse, open community

has a strength not found when doors, and minds, are closed. And Old McDonald is kind of catchy. (Ask Carolyn Pines for her version about Shabbat.)

Administratively, these two years have been challenging. We had a number of personnel changes, which always take time to adjust to. Our Rabbi was on sabbatical last summer, and has had a long and hard year, with his father's difficult illness and recent death. We have tried to give him respite, but his is a stressful and seemingly endless job. We have worked on ways to make that better. I think he knows how much his community cares about him.

We began our Ma'ayan campaign this past year, and learned a great deal about the value of such campaigns, and about some of the concerns and questions people have. It was an exciting and daring approach, which succeeded with much hard work from the committee and other volunteers.

Our moving 18/10 celebration was a joyous expression of who we are, and what we have become. Singing together at the service, dancing at the party, and crying and laughing through the wonderful video, I think we all felt enormously proud.

Perhaps most significantly, we have been building toward consensus on several major issues. Should we buy a new building? Should we raise dues? We expect that at least the dues issue will be brought to a vote within the next year. We have researched the building issue carefully, and are ready to begin the more detailed analysis needed before making a final decision.

As you probably know, I am a "control monarch." (How did "queen" get to be politically incorrect?) It will be hard for me to let go, and step down. Of course, I won't be stepping far: I'll still be very much here. (Maybe the Purim shpiel ...) Stepping down is made much easier, though, by the knowledge that David Stein is stepping up. David is a warm and thoughtful person, who has a great ability to keep his eye on our values and the big picture. He is decisive without being closed-minded or overly pushy; he is an able administrator; he loves this synagogue. We are in wise and capable hands.

Thank you for letting me be President.

## Help CSZ Get Organized!

The CSZ office, library cabinets, basement and geniza (that's the storage closet in the upstairs bathroom—yes, we have a storage closet in the upstairs bathroom) are filled with 18 years of reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, press clips, photographs and other items documenting our history. We need help getting it all dated, identified and sorted.

If you're a new (or an inactive) member considering getting involved but unsure where to start, please join us. You'll meet other CSZ members, learn a lot about our history and won't be asked to make any commitment (unless you want to—our archives committee needs members). If you were on the board or volunteered on a committee or project and can help label specific papers, you are especially asked to join us. And if you're a long-time member, we really need your help in identifying the people in photographs from our early days.

We'll be meeting in the CSZ library, Sunday July 23, from 11 am to 4 pm. We'll provide vegetarian pizza for lunch. If you can join us or want more information, please call Robin Leonard, 386-7876.

## High Holiday Prayerbook Dedications

CSZ members and friends will now be able to personalize their own High Holiday prayerbooks this year.

Because we are printing new High Holiday prayerbooks (and to replenish the Prayerbook Fund), the congregation will be offering all of our members and friends the opportunity to have one or more prayerbooks inscribed with a personalized dedication. Inscribe a prayerbook in memory of a loved one, share a simchah, honor an especially meaningful person or event, or just plain let us know you're thinking of us. For only \$36 per dedication (\$70 for two dedications, \$33 apiece for three or more dedications), your generosity and thoughtfulness will provide a commemoration for years to come!

Just fill out the High Holiday reservation form included with this issue of the *Forward*, enclose your check, and mail today.

Any questions? Call the CSZ office, or Edward Pollock (826-2653).



## Women's Chavurah and Brotherhood Team Up for AIDS Walk

Many CSZ members and friends have participated individually for years in the AIDS Walk as volunteers, walkers, or both. Some of us have lamented the fact that CSZ has yet to walk together as a team in this very important—and FUN!—event. Plus, we get lonely walking alone.

This year, we invite everyone to come walk (and potluck/picnic afterwards) with us! Official AIDS Walk-SF registration forms for the July 16 event—prestamped with the group code assigned to CSZ—are available in the CSZ library and on the handout table in the sanctuary. Please pick one up and send it in ASAP.

We need 20 persons registered on our team to get our own booth at the walk.

If you have already registered, you can contact the AIDS Walk headquarters (392-9255—ask for the Teams extension) to get your name added to our team.

Those unable to participate in the Walk are welcome to register and find sponsors anyway, and join us for the picnic afterwards.

Wear your CSZ T-shirt, layers, and walking shoes. For information, call Stephan Howard (567-2886) or Dona Rabinowitz (864-5432).

## 18/10 Weekend

The celebration of CSZ's 18th anniversary and Rabbi Kahn's 10th anniversary with our congregation was marked by three special events. Shabbat services at Congregation Emanu-El on Friday, May 19 honored Marc S. Klein and *The Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*, Rabbi Nancy Flam and *Ruach Ami: Bay Area Jewish Healing Center*, Jerry Rosenstein and Rabbi Yoel Kahn.

Thanks to the Ritual Committee and participants and to the Instrumental Ensemble members who enhanced the musical aspects of the service with arrangements by Jonathan Comisar.

Thanks also to David Couch who served as Child Care Coordinator for the service and to the many Oneg volunteers who produced a veritable feast.

The Anniversary Party on Saturday evening, May 20, was a gala affair and thanks are due to the committee and the many volunteers who made it possible, including our own Klezmer Band. The archival documentary was made possible by many volunteers, the Video Committee perhaps most of all, and the film was well received by all who attended the party.

Carolyn Pines and Judy Schwartz coordinated the Outdoor Family Picnic on Sunday, May 21, and despite typical San Francisco summer weather (read: cold, *Continued on page 10*

## 18/10 Video To Be Shown July 28

Guests at the 18/10 Celebration party on May 20 were treated to the latest achievement of Sha'ar Zahav's oral history project—the premiere of a uniquely moving commemorative video produced especially for the event. If you missed the premiere screening, you'll have another chance to see the video on Friday evening, July 28, after the Installation Service.

The 14-minute program was created completely from interviews with CSZ members who answered the "Open Call" for videotaping a few months ago. Miki Goralsky filmed all the interviews. She and Robert Tat edited the program, with the creative input of Lawrence Helman, Michael Chertok and others. Michael Chertok also acted as project producer, with Leila Raim convening the committee of CSZ video mavens.

"We wanted to create a piece that captured a snapshot of Sha'ar Zahav," said Rob Tat, "to give a sense of our beginnings and history, and to express who we are as a congregation."

You can purchase your own copy from the CSZ Gift Shop. Proceeds from the sale of the video will benefit the synagogue.

Special thanks to the many people and organizations whose contributions helped make the program possible.

## New Members' Potluck

All recent new members, their families and friends, and CSZ members are invited to attend the next New Members' Potluck on Sunday, July 30, from 4-7 pm. This event will be hosted by Jeff Forman and Paul Nemrow at their home in Noe Valley. New members who have joined in the past year will be honored, and all members are encouraged to come meet, eat, and schmooze. Please bring your favorite dish, according to the season in which you celebrate your birthday:

*Winter:* Beverages or appetizer

*Spring:* Side dish or salad

*Summer:* Main dish

*Fall:* Dessert

Refer to the potluck flyer (available soon) for more information and directions. To RSVP, please call Susan Stahl (333-6198). See you there!



At the 18/10 Celebration gala. Photo by Michael Bettinger.



## T'shuvah: a Covenant for a Later Generation

—Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee  
On the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah we read the parasha Nizzavim (Deuteronomy 29:9—30:20), which discusses t'shuvah. In biblical times, t'shuvah meant a return from exile to the land of Israel, and restoration of halacha as the law of the land. However, this parasha also contains the roots of our modern understanding of t'shuvah as a personal process of atonement. T'shuvah comes from the Hebrew word "shuv," meaning return. In both cases, t'shuvah implies a return to the best in us, and to the God of our understanding.

Parashat Nezzavim begins with the curious line "You stand here today ... to make a covenant (brit) with your God." For generations, this line has provoked a question: If the covenant made at Sinai was for all time, why make another covenant forty years later?

The answer lies in the dual nature of the Hebrew word "brit." It sometimes means "contract," which implies an agreement between two parties, but just as often it means "promise."

The Sinai covenant is a good example. Although it seems to be a

contract, consisting of rules of behavior with rewards for compliance and punishments for disobedience, it also contains a promise.

God promises to return to each generation and each Jew, and what we each hear is spoken in our own language.

The people who stood at Sinai had been personally freed from slavery, saved from destruction at sea, nourished by manna in the desert. The elaborate precautions around the mountain, the smoke and thunder, the glowing cloud and the awe-inspiring Voice—all these worked them into an emotional state of ecstatic surrender. They volunteered "Na'aseh v'nishma—We will do and we will listen!"—agreeing to do anything God wanted before even hearing what it was.

Like an individual with a new lover, the generation of Sinai imagined they could never want anything except what would make their Beloved happy. But after the honeymoon, even the most exalted beginnings don't necessarily result in a permanent bond. Only a few days after making that promise, the people panicked in Moses' absence and reas-

sured themselves by building and worshipping the golden calf. God reacted with the rage of a betrayed lover.

The gift in Nizzavim is not, as at Sinai, a set of rules for communal life. It is more individual, more internal. It is the promise of God's help, in every area of life, in exchange only for human attention.

At Sinai, the people promised to do and then to listen. Here the process is reversed: If we listen to God, God will gather us in, help us change, protect us, and give us a deeper understanding of the Torah. Only after God does all for us does the Torah mention our fulfilling the mitzvot.

God in the Torah keeps trying new ways to get through to people, sometimes dramatically, sometimes quietly and persistently, always trying to use the language that will work. Going into these Days of Awe, we can be confident that God, however we understand God, will adapt to us as to our ancestors. We have only to do what the Torah says: listen, and let the God of our understanding help us turn our listening into action.

## New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Steven-Paul King

Jasmine Marah

Richard Whiteman

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

## Women's Chavurah Tilden Park Picnic

On Sunday, August 13, at 11:30 am, the Women's Chavurah will meet for a potluck picnic in Tilden Park. Children, partners, and non-members are invited. The park permits well-behaved dogs on leashes. Look for flyers in the Sanctuary, or call Debby Gelber (753-1984) or Dona Rabinowitz (864-5432) after Aug. 2, for directions to the picnic site, since we haven't reserved a space yet.

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## In Memoriam— Professor Allan Kahn

The entire congregation sends its condolences to Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Dan Bellm, and their son Adam on the death of Professor Allan Kahn, Rabbi Kahn's father, on June 6. Professor Kahn is survived also by his wife of 46 years, Tybil Smith Kahn, his mother, Bessie Kahn, and Rabbi Kahn's brothers and their families: David Kahn and Pam Grossman and Benjamin, Rebecca and Sarah Grossman-Kahn; Dr. Zevi Kahn and Karen Stoler Kahn, and their daughter Rachel.

Allan Kahn was a professor of physics at San Jose State University where he taught from 1970 until his retirement in 1991. He won the Ohaus Award from the National Science Teachers Association in 1980. He was active not only in professional organizations but in community agencies as well and served on the San Jose Public Library Commission, the Library Foundation, and as a board member of the American Library Trustees Association. During the 60s, he was active in the Santa Clara Valley chapter of the American Jewish Congress and its president in 1964. Although the Kahns were long time members of Congregation Beth David in Saratoga, they frequently attended services at CSZ and were always present for High Holiday services when Rabbi Kahn was giving the sermon.

*This article was abstracted from an extensive obituary written for the San Jose Mercury News by CSZ member Judith Green, who serves as theater critic for the Mercury News.*

## Onegs

These generous people sponsored onegs during the month of June:

- 2 **Healing Service Congregation**, in honor of the birth of Jonah Lev Kudler-Flam.
- 9 **Congregation Sha'ar Zahav**, in honor of the Ma'ayan Solicitors.
- 16 **Lisa Ochs & Lea Salem**, in honor of their anniversary.
- 23 **Samuel K. Kaplan**, in honor of Rabbi Kahn's tenth anniversary with CSZ and in honor of the CSZ Membership Committee.
- 30 **Congregation Sha'ar Zahav**, in honor of Ron Lezell and Leslie Bergson.

## Sephardi/Mizrahi column

### Kobe on My Mind

It took a while to let go of returning to Kobe this Spring. I was excited about walking its narrow streets and alleyways connecting the neighborhoods filled with memories of my life before America. But the Kobe earthquake struck, destroying Ashiya (a nearby suburb where my prewar Japanese style house stood), and turning so much of Kobe into disaster zones.

Victor Kelly Bashi (I wrote about him in my last column), was hit badly—his house collapsed. Fortunately he "was upstairs which became the downstairs," he said, describing how he was pulled out of the rubble that moments earlier was his lovely house.

I spoke to Victor as soon as I could get a telephone line through—he was staying temporarily at the synagogue. "No, you shouldn't come now—wait till next year," he said. "But I've waited 29 years!" I protested.

It was in semi-destruction when we moved there after the war, I thought, and so it is again now. But with the extent of the destruction and chaos, the continued advice from old friends there of "don't come," I let go of my nostalgic plans—to go back to the Kobe Club and sit in the library room where I spent hours with my novels (how I loved *Margorie Morningstar* by Herman Wouk), when my "white-skin" friends tanned in the intense summer rays. Not an option for someone already dark. "Our tans don't fade quickly like theirs," my mother consoled me, understanding that my behaviour was not anti-social.

To go to and walk around Ohel Shelomo, our synagogue in Kobe filled with memories of every holyday, and life cycle celebrations—Brit Milahs and Bar Mitzvahs, and where one Purim I was an ecstatic Queen Esther, and later a young bride. I want to stand under the shade trees in the courtyard where every Yom Kippur Tony Choueke, my childhood friend and nemesis tormented us relentlessly with images of ice cream sundaes ... and ... and ...

Our Jewish community, as I have men-

tioned before was a mix of Jews from everywhere: Ashkenazim from the U.S. and Europe, some of them Holocaust survivors who stayed on in Japan (rather than settling Shanghai as most did during the war), and Sephardim primarily from Iraq and Syria.

Originally built as a warehouse for Oriental carpets by Rahmo Sassoon, a Syrian Jewish import-exporter, the building came to be used as a House of Prayer in the late 1940s by Kobe's Sephardi community. When Rahmo moved his business elsewhere, he dedicated the building as a new synagogue, naming it "Ohel Shelomo" for his father.

When Rahmo decided to put the property up for sale in 1967, my father mobilized a committee of five members of the congregation to negotiate with Rahmo. An agreement was struck: the committee was given exactly one year to come up with \$27,000, a modest price (but much more than Rahmo or the congregation imagined possible), before the building would be put on the market.

Everyone contributed as much as they could in a year of intense fundraising—and financial help came from Jewish communities abroad eager to make this dream a reality. Ohel Shelomo was bought free and clear by the Jewish Community of Kansai, Kobe, Japan, exactly one year later, just in time for Rosh Hashanah.

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## CSZ Bisexuals to Meet

—Jim Frazin

Bisexual members who want to discuss our relationship to CSZ should reserve the dates of July 30 and August 27 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The visibility of bisexuals at CSZ has steadily increased during the last two years and use of the word "bisexual" both from the bima and in the *Forward* in inclusive and respectful ways has delighted many. It seems that as a congregation we have come closer to the acceptance and inclusiveness we cherish and talk of, but in other respects we still have work to do for optimal inclusivity. Come to the meetings and make your views known. Both meetings are pot luck. Please bring finger foods and beverages. RSVP to Jim (337-4566).



## Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions of all sizes to mark any event and to add to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless otherwise requested.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

### AIDS Fund

**Hal Podgur**, in memory of Marc Saretti.  
**Jonathan Pannor**, in honor of Jane Arnold, Bill Valentine's mother.  
**Walter Leiss**, in memory of Bruce and David Zoum.

### Chesir-Stein Music Fund

**Paul Dickel**, in honor of David Stein's birthday.  
**Alex Ingersoll & David Stein**, in honor of Dakota Fine's becoming bar mitzvah.

### Children's Education Fund

**Michael Cohen**, in honor of Allan Giannini, on the birth of his first grandchild.

### General Fund

**Marcy Whitebook**, in memory of Caroline Shulman Whitebook.  
**Ruth and Jerry Eisenman**, in honor of the naming and adoption of Naftali Eisenman Moed.  
**Shelley Eisenman & Julie Moed**, in honor of Susan Unger and Tova Green.  
**Marcy Whitebook**, in appreciation of Rabbi Kahn on his tenth anniversary with CSZ.  
**Nancy Meyer & Marilyn O'Keeffe**, in honor of Tiela Chalmers' outgoing and David Stein's incoming Presidencies.  
**Marsha & Ralph Guggenheim**, in honor of Rabbi Nancy Flam.  
**Shelley Eisenman & Julie Moed**, in honor of Cody Fine's becoming bar mitzvah.  
**Mr. & Mrs. Milton Serman**, in memory of Robert Serman.  
**Barbara Becker**, in memory of Marty Becker.  
**Florence & Steve Nacamulli**, in honor of Tiela Chalmers.  
**Rabbi Deborah Zecker**, in honor of Rabbi Kahn's tenth anniversary with CSZ.  
**Leila Raim**, in joyful remembrance of Donald Albert.

### Inclusive Liturgy Fund

**Batya Kalis**, in memory of Rose Jacobstein.

### Kaiser Brunch Fund

**Allan Berenstein**, in memory of Perel Berenstein.

### Prayerbook Fund

**Jonathan Funk & John Arnold**, in honor of Leslie Bergson's ordination.  
**Susan L. Feldman**, in appreciation of the lovely Shavuot services led by Kathy Simon and Larry Wexler.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Lori Ubell**, in memory of Bo Huston and Henry Chance.  
**Ellen & Myron Serman**, in loving memory of Robert A. Serman.  
**Hal Podgur**, in memory of Max Podgur.  
**Claire Rappoport**, in loving memory of Adele Holzman Schepps.

### Albert (Bryn) Stern Memorial Fund for the House in Order Manual

**David Weinstein**, in memory of Betty Horowitz and Leonard Dexter.

### Torah Fund

**Sidney Fine**, in honor of Dakota Fine's becoming bar mitzvah.  
**Lucy Fine & Shulie Goodman**, in honor of Dakota Fine's becoming bar mitzvah.

### Thomas Yazman Children's Scholarship Fund

**Susan Geifman**, in memory of Thomas Yazman.

### Additional 18/10 Event Donors

Benefactor **Hanna Fromm**, in honor of Jerry Rosenstein.  
Sponsors **Shelley R. Spiro & Gabriele Kassner**.  
**Robert & Annabel Goldstein**, in honor of Ellen Goldstein.  
**Rabbis E. Abrahamson & M. Zinker**, Mt. Zion Temple, St. Paul.

Special thanks to **Mike Rankin**, for a donation in memory of Yossele Rosenblatt and Sophie Tucker to subsidize the cost of the CSZ contingent in the Freedom Day Parade.

## Va'ad Meeting Minutes

The June Va'ad meeting was postponed to June 19 in observance of the Shiva for Allan Kahn, Rabbi Kahn's father. Abbreviated minutes for the June, July, and August Va'ad meetings will be published in the September issue. Full minutes are always available for reading in the CSZ office.

## Pledges and Gifts to the Ma'ayan '95 Campaign

As of June 9, the Ma'ayan Campaign has raised a total of \$36,000. Those who have pledged or contributed since the May *Forward* was published are:

### Zahav (Gold) (\$500-\$999)

Carol Hoffman & Mark Weisman

### Kesef (Silver) (\$250-\$499)

Trudi & Stephen Hauptman  
José Luis Moscovich

### Arad (Bronze) (\$100-\$249)

Nancy Epstein  
Lori Ubell

### Ma-ayanot (All Other Gifts) Randy Heilbrunn

## High Holidays

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children's services in the Chapel of the Unitarian Center.

### Child Care

Child care will be available for all evening and daytime services at the Unitarian Center. This year, advance prepaid reservations will be required in order to ensure that we have an adequate number of child care workers and to avoid overcrowding. Child care will not be provided to children without prepaid reservations. You may send your prepaid reservation with your ticket order form. Subsidy is available for those who cannot pay the full cost, but arrangements must be made through the office by August 1.

Please help spread the word that prepaid reservations are necessary. The cost is \$12 per child per service for members and \$16 per child per service for non-members. We don't want to turn anyone away, but we will not have extra child care workers.

Child care will not be available for infants who cannot yet sit up on their own. The back rows of the Main Sanctuary will be reserved for members with small children. Families with infants are welcome to sit there to make it easier to do the "baby bouncing walk" to the lobby.

### Begin Your Year With a Mitzvah

There are many ways that you can help make the High Holidays happen for everyone. Call our coordinators Jeff Forman (648-0381) and Tova Green, Ritual Chair (510/428-0240).



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## Birthdays

### July

- 1 Susan W.
- 2 Danielle Billinkoff
- 2 Kellen Kaiser-Klimist
- 3 Noah Chasnoff
- 3 Virginia Donohue
- 4 Judith Heiman
- 4 Nina Jo Smith
- 5 Jordan Seldon
- 5 Gene Eichenbaum
- 5 Ellen Elias
- 5 Alexander Wellins
- 6 Elizabeth Landsberg
- 6 Steven Berlin
- 6 Roland Stern
- 7 Avi Lieberman
- 7 Batya Kalis
- 8 Hannah Pines-Schwartz
- 8 Bon Brown
- 8 David Weinstein
- 8 Laura Trupin
- 8 Ben Schalit
- 9 Steven Elman
- 9 Carolyn Pines
- 9 Luanne Jenkins
- 12 Naomi Zingman-Daniels
- 13 Sandra Portman
- 13 Deborah Udin
- 14 Daryn Stier
- 14 Steve Unger
- 15 Jason Dahlstrom
- 15 Cheryl Price
- 16 Samuel Walters
- 16 Lois Scott
- 16 Peter Rosenfeld
- 17 Jonathan Comisar
- 18 Gabriel Press-Becker
- 18 Raphael Hoch
- 19 Susan Feldman
- 19 Geraldine Barr
- 20 Isa Cymrot-Wu
- 20 Jeffrey Sherman
- 22 Ellen Litman
- 23 Benjamin Weston
- 23 Nancy Meyer
- 24 Ellen Meyers
- 25 Susan Larson
- 26 Robin Barnett
- 27 Maya Hauer-Laurencin
- 27 Ellen Scott
- 28 Jacob Stier
- 28 Sidney Rosenthal
- 28 Susan Schwartz
- 29 Steve Lowinger
- 31 Quin Madison Kennedy

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## Birthdays

### August

- 1 Carolyn Reiser
- 2 Michael Kay
- 2 Leah Halperin
- 3 Jaclyn Blachman-Forshey
- 3 Mark Troy
- 3 Todd Taubman-Walker
- 4 Naftali Eisenman Moed
- 4 Ethan Kaiser-Klimist
- 4 Jonathan Funk
- 5 Rachel Bernstein
- 5 Ron Miguel
- 6 Marilyn O'Keeffe
- 7 Alan Michels
- 7 Peter Rothaug
- 8 Cheryl Sena
- 9 Allan Gold
- 12 Frank Yellin
- 13 Jonah Levy
- 13 Lonnie Weiss
- 14 Carole Migden
- 15 Daniel Bauman
- 16 Cheryl Bryan
- 16 Leland Vogel
- 19 Paul Cohen
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### July

- 4 Ed Gabay
- 6 David Custead
- 9 Alexander Louis Konski
- 17 Steven Berman
- 25 Seth Miller
- 30 Philip Resnick

### August

- 2 David Kotch
- 4 Jordan Berger
- 5 Ernie Weinstein
- 6 Jay Platt
- 8 Mark Landsberger
- 18 Elliot Schneck
- 23 Bill Schlichter
- 28 Jay Feinstein

## Condolences

To **Jasmine Marah** on the death of her son Shem Tsipur.

### July

- 4 Richard Meyerson & Duane Bryant
- 4 Dvora Honigstein & Mary Sue Philp
- 4 Robin Leonard & Lee Ryan
- 10 Elizabeth Katz & Lee Ann Thompson
- 11 Judith Berkowitz & Sheryl Connell
- 14 Daphne Stuart & Lyssa Friedman
- 25 Carole Migden & Cris Arguedas
- 25 Stanley Kern & Artemio Pontiga
- 25 Ron Miguel & Ruth Miguel
- 25 Daniel Chesir & Stefan Rowniak
- 26 Rose Katz & Carol Seajay
- 27 Deborah Hoffmann & Frances Reid
- 27 David H. Couch & Nancy Halloran
- 29 Nancy Flam & Neil Kudler
- 31 David Angel & Ronalda Murphy

## Anniversaries

### August

- 1 Steven Berlin & Jim Muth
- 5 Carolyn Reiser & Karren Shorofsky
- 11 Ron Wolberg & Bruce Connell
- 14 Allan Blumenfeld & Morry Woolfson
- 15 Jonathan Funk & John Arnold
- 15 Keith Barton & Steve Rosenberg
- 20 Francie Hornstein & Ellen Peskin
- 20 Marsha Blachman & Amy Gentile
- 23 Leora Eisenberg & Rebecca Weber
- 25 Leslie Caplan & Maia Ettinger
- 27 Steven Elman & Tom Holt
- 27 Nina Kaiser & Nora Klimist

## Naches

To **Ann Daniels** on being appointed Acting Executive Director of Northern California Abortion Rights Action League.

To **Henry Mach** on becoming Editor of the new Bay Area Publication On Q.

To **Liz Goodman** on her promotion to Money Market Mutual Fund Manager at Wells Fargo Bank.

To **Sylvia Weisenberg** on the inclusion of her work in Dan Woog's new book *School's Out* (Alyson Publishing).

To **Phyllis & George Mintzer** on the birth of their fourth grandchild Alexander Zvi Hersh Lu.

To **Nancy Koch**, partner of Tiela Chalmers, on becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

To **Leslie Bergson** on her ordination and on being hired as Hillel Director and University Chaplain for The Claremont Colleges in Southern California.

To **Elizabeth Landsberg and Gordon Dean** on their marriage.

To **Richard Inlander**, on his son Ethan's graduation from U.C. Santa Barbara.

To **Martha Moon**, who was awarded a Ph.D. in Nursing from U.C.S.F. on Friday, June 2.

To **Nora Klimist, Nina Kaiser and Kellen Kaiser-Klimist** on being featured in a Sunday Examiner on COLAGE, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere.

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<b>2</b> Sunday 4 Tammuz	<b>10</b> Monday 12 Tammuz • 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	<b>17</b> Monday 19 Tammuz • 6 pm, Healing Service	<b>24</b> Monday 26 Tammuz
<b>3</b> Monday 5 Tammuz • 6 pm, Healing Service	<b>11</b> Tuesday 13 Tammuz • 7 pm, Membership Committee	<b>18</b> Tuesday 20 Tammuz	<b>25</b> Tuesday 27 Tammuz
<b>4</b> Tuesday 6 Tammuz	<b>12</b> Wednesday 14 Tammuz • 7 pm, Kadimah/Early Childhood meeting	<b>19</b> Wednesday 21 Tammuz • UAHC Kallah begins	<b>26</b> Wednesday 28 Tammuz
<b>5</b> Wednesday 7 Tammuz	<b>13</b> Thursday 15 Tammuz	<b>20</b> Thursday 22 Tammuz • 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting	<b>27</b> Thursday 29 Tammuz
<b>6</b> Thursday 8 Tammuz • 6:30 pm, Dues Committee	<b>14</b> Friday 16 Tammuz • 7:30 pm, Chanting Service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service: Larry Wexler & Neil Grungras	<b>21</b> Friday 23 Tammuz • East Bay Service, led by Mona Alfi • 7 pm, Tot Shabbat • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service: Kathy Simon	<b>28</b> Friday 1 Av • Installation of Officers • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service: Daniel Chesir & Susan Unger
<b>7</b> Friday 9 Tammuz • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service: Jonathan Funk & Susan Unger	<b>15</b> Saturday 17 Tammuz • 3 pm, Support Group for Members with HIV • 4:30 pm, Torah Study	<b>22</b> Saturday 24 Tammuz	<b>29</b> Saturday 2 Av
<b>8</b> Saturday 10 Tammuz • 10:30 am, Shabbat Service: Mona Alfi & Frank Yellin			<b>30</b> Sunday 3 Av • 10 am, Klezmer rehearsal • 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch • 4 pm, New Member Potluck
			<b>31</b> Monday 4 Av

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## SEPTEMBER FORWARD DEADLINES

### FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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## East Bay Services

7/21 Phil Charney, call 510/527-9777 for directions.

8/18 Eileen Levy & Jeanette Nichols, 6116 Taft Ave., Oakland, 510/653-3613.

Please join us for dinner at a nearby restaurant. For details call Shelley Spiro, 510/482-5967.



<b>1</b> Tuesday 5 Av	<b>9</b> Wednesday 13 Av	<b>17</b> Thursday 21 Av	<b>24</b> Thursday 28 Av
<b>2</b> Wednesday 6 Av	<b>10</b> Thursday 14 Av	• 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting	• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee meeting
<b>3</b> Thursday 7 Av	<b>11</b> Friday 15 Av	<b>18</b> Friday 22 Av	<b>25</b> Friday 29 Av
• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee	• 7:30 pm, Chanting Service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service: Rabbi Kahn & Brian Besser	• 6 pm, Shabbat Dinner—HIV Support Group • 8:15 pm, East Bay Service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service	• 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service
<b>4</b> Friday 8 Av	<b>12</b> Saturday 16 Av	<b>19</b> Saturday 23 Av	<b>26</b> Saturday 30 Av
• CSZ Advance • 8:15 pm, Shabbat Service: Mona Alfi	• 10 am, Shabbat Service	• 4:30 pm, Torah Study	<b>27</b> Sunday 1 Elul
<b>5</b> Saturday 9 Av	<b>13</b> Sunday 17 Av	<b>20</b> Sunday 24 Av	• 10 am, Klezmer rehearsal • 10:30 am, Kaiser Brunch
• Advance	• 11:30 am, Women's Chavurah picnic in Tilden Park	• 10 am, Klezmer rehearsal	<b>28</b> Monday 2 Elul
<b>6</b> Sunday 10 Av	<b>14</b> Monday 18 Av	<b>21</b> Monday 25 Av	<b>29</b> Tuesday 3 Elul
Tishah B'av • Advance	• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	• 6 pm, Healing Service • 7 pm, Newsletter Layout and Proofreading	<b>30</b> Wednesday 4 Elul
<b>7</b> Monday 11 Av	<b>15</b> Tuesday 19 Av	<b>22</b> Tuesday 26 Av	<b>31</b> Thursday 5 Elul
• 6 pm, Healing Service • 7 pm, Kadimah Committee	<b>16</b> Wednesday 20 Av	<b>23</b> Wednesday 27 Av	• 7 pm, Newsletter distribution
<b>8</b> Tuesday 12 Av			
• 7 pm, Membership Committee			

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## 18/10

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foggy and windy), the picnic was well attended and adults and children alike managed to enjoy the ice cream treats as well as all the other pot-luck goodies.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by Kadimah to 25 mentors and tutors who had participated in this year's children's educational program.

The entire weekend was indeed an Overture to the Future, and we look forward to the next 18. *Ken yehi ratzon.*



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**Member** of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Lane Schickler, liaison).

**Services** are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

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## Return this form to:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav  
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## Deadline

This form must be returned no later than Friday, July 28

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I would like an English reading
- ☐ I would like to learn a Hebrew chant
- ☐ I can read Hebrew well
- ☐ I can chant from the Torah
- ☐ I would like to blow the shofar
- ☐ I would like to learn to blow the shofar

## I will be at the following services:

- ☐ All services

### Rosh Hashanah

- ☐ Sunday evening (Ma'ariv), Sept. 24
- ☐ Monday morning (Shacharit and Musaf), Sept. 25
- ☐ Monday morning (Children's Services), Sept. 25

### Yom Kippur

- ☐ Tuesday evening (Kol Nidre), Oct. 3
- ☐ Wednesday morning (Shacharit and Musaf), Oct. 4
- ☐ Wednesday morning (Children's Services), Oct. 4
- ☐ Wednesday late afternoon (Yizkor and Neilah), Oct. 4

I would prefer reading during the following service:

\_\_\_\_\_

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There will be a practice session following services on Friday, September 8 for anyone who wants to practice a part. You are required to attend session if you are chanting a prayer or a portion from the Torah.



